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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ANTARCTIC DEVELOPMENT,  
PUNTA -ARENAS, CHILE, APRIL 12-14, 1977

REF: OSLO 6273

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM  
OTHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN INVITATION, WHICH GJELSVIK AND  
SOLLI PRESUMABLY HAVE, AND COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED  
TO DEPARTMENT BY THE POLAR RESEARCH BOARD OF THE NATIONAL  
ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. AS FAR AS WE CAN ASCERTAIN, INVI-  
TATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN SENT TO GOVERNMENTS, ALTHOUGH AT  
LEAST ONE USG OFFICIAL, THE HEAD OF NSF'S DIVISION OF POLAR  
PROGRAMS, HAS BEEN INVITED IN A PERSONAL RATHER THAN OFFI-  
CIAL CAPACITY.

2. INVITATION INDICATES THAT THE TWO SPONSORS ARE THE  
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CHILE AND THE INSTITUTE OF PATAGONIA, A PRIVATE ACADEMIC

CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

3. PURPOSE OF THE SYMPOSIUM, AS STATED BY THE ORGANIZERS, IS TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS RELATED TO ANTARCTIC RESOURCES, THE ENVIRONMENT, SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR ANTARCTIC DEVELOPMENT. IT IS STATED THAT NO RECOMMENDATIONS OR CONCLUSIONS WILL BE ADOPTED.

4. RECIPIENTS OF INVITATIONS HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THEIR HESITANCY ABOUT ACCEPTING, BOTH BECAUSE OF COST AND UNCERTAINTY AS TO REAL MOTIVES OF ORGANIZERS.

5. FOR SANTIAGO - NSF HAS MADE LETTER INQUIRY TO LORCA, DIRECTOR OF THE CHILEAN ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE ABOUT BONA FIDES OF SYMPOSIUM BUT NO ANSWER RECEIVED YET. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT LORCA, CITE NSF LETTER, AND REPORT ON GOC VIEWS OF MEETING.

6. FOR OSLO - ON OBTAINING REPORT FROM SANTIAGO, DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP ON RESPONSE TO STORHAUG, GJELSVIK AND SOLLI. KISSINGER

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